

daughter became addicted to crack cocaine and left Jackie to care for her four children.

Times got even harder for Jackie when her husband of 38 years died and his retirement benefits ceased. Jackie was left to care for her four grandchildren's growing needs with even less money.

Today, Jackie is well known in the Denver community as a strong advocate for grandparents and other kin raising relatives' children. She was a leader in advocating for more financial and emotional support for the thousands of other people who find themselves in the same situation. Although it has been physically, emotionally, and financially taxing, Jackie never complains—she simply continues to work hard to provide a better life for herself and her grandchildren.

Grandparents and other relative caregivers such as Jackie often provide the children in their care the best chance for a loving and stable childhood. Unfortunately, their hard work and dedication often goes unnoticed. Today I offer my formal acknowledgement and deepest appreciation for the ongoing service of these caregivers to our country and to our Nation's most valuable asset, our children.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 19, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3971. An act to extend medicare cost-sharing for qualifying individuals through September 2007, to extend transitional medical assistance and the program for abstinence education through December 2005, to provide unemployment relief for States and individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of October 19, 2005, the enrolled bill was signed subsequently on yesterday, October 19, 2005, by the Majority Leader (Mr. FRIST).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 397. An act to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 554. An act to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

The message further announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 2744 making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. BONILLA, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LATHAM, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GOODE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LEWIS of California, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FARR, Mr. BOYD, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. OBEY.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 554. An act to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1904. A bill to provide elementary and secondary education assistance to students and schools impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4297. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Accountability Review Board's report relative to the December 6, 2004 attack by armed terrorists on the U.S. Consulate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4298. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Accountability Review Board's report relative to the January 29, 2005 rocket attack on the Interim U.S. Embassy Annex in Baghdad, Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4299. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports on vacancies in the positions of: Under Secretary of State for Management; Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy; Coordinator for Counterterrorism w/ Rank of Ambassador at Large; Assistant Secretary of State for Administration; Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security; Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and

Cultural Affairs); Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Inspector General; Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; Assistant Secretary for Oceans, International Environmental Affairs; Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs); Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs; Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs; and Assistant Secretary of State for Resource Management; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4300. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Presidential Determination 2005-34 relative to waiving prohibition on United States Military assistance with respect to Benin; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4301. A communication from the Chair, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2005 Annual Report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4302. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 05-236 - 05-246); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4303. A communication from the Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2005 FAIR Act Inventory; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4304. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "State Practices on Specific Services Signing; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4305. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Section 816 [Vision-100] Recommendations Concerning Travel Agents"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4306. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Big Pine Key, Florida)" (MB Docket No. 04-248) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4307. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cheyenne and Thomas, Oklahoma)" (MB Docket No. 05-130) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4308. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cridersville, OH)" (MB Docket No. 04-343) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4309. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule